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Applicants: Dallas et al.

Title: RETENTION SYSTEM FOR A HAND TOOL COMBINATION

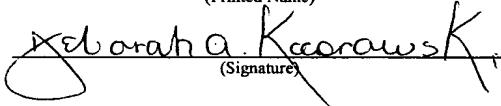
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**TRANSMITTAL**

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified patent application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the Issue Fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a Notice of Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. § 141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or § 146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

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1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:** (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

Please enter and consider the Reply and Amendment previously filed on May 12, 2006.

Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on \_\_ but not considered.

Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on \_\_.

Other \_\_.

b. Enclosed are:

Reply and Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.113, 1.116 previously filed on May 12, 2006 (12 pages).

Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).

Information Disclosure Statement.

Form PTO-1449 with copies of \_\_ listed reference(s).

Other.

Miscellaneous:

Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):				\$790.00	= \$790.00
Total Claims:	32	- 34	= 0	x \$50.00	= \$0.00
Independents	4	- 4	= 0	x \$200.00	= \$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:			+ \$360.00	=	\$0.00
				CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:	= \$790.00

[ ] The Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[ ] Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$120.00	0	\$0.00
[ ] Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$450.00		\$0.00
[ ] Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,020.00		\$0.00
[ ] Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,590.00		\$0.00
[ ] Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,160.00		\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:			\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID:			\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL			\$0.00
CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			\$790.00
[ ] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):			\$0.00
[ ] Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)			\$0.00
TOTAL FEE:			\$790.00

A credit card payment form in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date 6/14/2006

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